he might have delivered and returned again within an hour, he did not come back till the evening, and then brought a butterfly with him, (of which his papa had many curious ones) which he said he had

been all day chasing; and this was taken for an excuse.

Another

Another time his cousin Polly, th
on a visit at his papa's house, ha
ing a pretty bird, which she v
extremely fond of, this naughty b
took it away slily, and gave in
change for a top to one of his ru
playfellows.

PETER PRATEWELL *Pretty Tales and Pretty Things.* [LONDON, 1792?] HASKELL COLLECTION, THE BODLEIAN LIBRARY Oc